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Statement of Senator Mansfield

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Chairman Khrushchev today celebrates in Budapest the thirteenth anniversary of the "liberation" of Hungary. He will no doubt recall, in this connection, another anniversary. Thirteen years ago the Governments of the Soviet Union, the United States, and the United Kingdom issued their joint "Declaration on Liberated Europe". It committed the three to a liberation of Eastern Europe that would enable the peoples there "to create democratic institutions of their own choice. This is a principle of the Atlantic Charter -- the right of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they will live".

Let us pray that the now all-powerful ruler of the Soviet Union, recalling that solemn Declaration, and seeing the visible scars that commemorate the Soviet military repressions of the Hungarian people, may be moved to permit fulfillment of the "Declaration on Liberated Europe".